N'GRAW THINKS 1909 PROS. PECTS BRIGHTER THAN EVER.

New York Nationals' Makeup Would seem to Indiente Some Great Base-American Team is Problematical.

Manager McGraw has a pretty fair idea just now relative to the makeup of the New York Nationals when they take the field er the pennant race next April. He will have a number of young players to try at during the spring training trip, but he believes that his veterans will be well up to the requirements and will hardly be replaced by new material. McGraw is conident that he has strengthened the New the recent deal by which he got Catcher Schlei, Pitcher Raymond and Outfielder uctant to let such a fine ball player as Hoger Bresnahan get away, he was compelled to sacrifice the great catcher in order to strengthen the team in other departments. Mctiraw, it seems, kept his eye on Catcher schlei for several seasons, and finally concluded that the former Cincinnati backstop would be a decided acquisition to the New York team. According to MoGraw, Schlei is bound to improve in this city, for the reason that he already has displayed steading perve and class. He thinks that Schlei with some coaching will prove an able substitute for Bresnahan and that he will be able to catch in a majority of the games Schlei has an even disposition, is a horse for work, can throw well and is a fair bataman. To help him out behind the bat Mi Graw will have Needham and Snodgrass

and a youngster named Wilson. In the pitching department McGraw believes there will be more strength than ever before. In Mathewson, Ames and Wiltse he has three stars whose qualities are well known. Raymond, under proper handling, should prove a consistent winner according to McGraw, who says the new pitcher has plenty of stamina and can take his turn regularly. Crandall should improve over last year's record. Crandail needed experience when he first came here, and he got plenty of it. Taylor will probstays is a matter that has not been decided The Indiananpolis pitchers, Marquard and Durham, are also expected to realizing that neither had a chance to do himself justice last fall.

already tried and not found wanting; also

Meyers, the crack Western catcher, who

comes here with an excellent reputation,

McGraw has already announced that his regular infield will be made up of Tenney. Doyle, Devlin and Bridwell, and he declared that this combination cannot be improved Young Herzog will be the utility infielder unless he wins a regular place in the out-Lonlin will play right field again and Murray, a fine batsman and base runner, will take care of left field. Seymour's place in centre field is somewhat ceymour's place in centre field is somewhat in doubt and the veteran will have to hustle to keep in line. D'Hara of the Haltimores, a tast youngster, probably will make a strong hid for Seymour's place, while therrog will have a chance too to show what he can do there. De Vore, who did well in Newark, is another candidate for the out-lield who gives much promise.

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According to reports from the Coast Stanley Ketchel has reconsidered his determination not to fight as a middleweight again. He has agreed to defend the title in a twenty-five round fight at Colma with Hugo Kelly, 'the Chicago pugilist who recently fought a draw with Papke. Ketchel did not change his mind, it is said, until be learned that Burns would not fight again for a year. If Ketchel meets Kelly and beats him he probably will be confronted with a challenge from Sam Langford, who knocked out Jem Flyan in accouple of punches the other night. Langford says he is a middleweight and can make 188 pounds with ease. He declared after his victory over Flynn that he wanted to meet ketchel and would keep after the latter until a match was arranged.

It is the general opinion that Langford is

Arthur Lumley, a veteras sporting man who has been identified with many star pusilists, is dangerously ill at his home, 89 Fourth avenue, Brooklyn. He was stricken several weeks ago and has been practically without funds, though teo modest to ask his friends for assistance.

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It has been definitely decided that if the Jockey Club's tracks open next year the field stands will be closed permanently to the public. It was argued before the antibetting law went into effect that the field enclosures were inimicable to the best interests of the turf, but the racing association kept them open because of the large revenues they represented. In future, however, the closing of the stands will mean that the small betters will be prevented from speculating on the racing magnates. I will be the aim of the racing magnates to confine betting to persons who can afford in induke in it and who are able to pay a high rate of admission to the tracks.

It has been suggested in some quarters hat next year the adm asion fee to the tacks should be raised from \$3 to \$5, and the idea seems to be meeting with some fact. With a \$5 tariff the receipts unfaultedly would be greater, and for that reason the associations could afford to be an easily the accepts to the racing magnates. At present the legal advisers of the Jockey be are passive, but it is said that after year year's many cases will be tried in the ourse with the idea of finding out just what can be done in the way of speculation under he new law. The cases of John G. Cavandyl and others who were indicted by the kings county Grand Jury last summer and which have been postponed from time to time are scheduled to come up for a many many. So far nobody arrested on the charge to lating the betting law has been in maker to questions as to the reason for such confidence they reply wait?

It is charged that the Savannah meeting which opened yesterday is financed by several book makers who will control the betting ring and also conduct politoning at Savannah will be free from crooked work. Bryan while a steward at the fact that free aniors and Baltimore was always a champion of clean sport, and the fact that he enjoy? The confidence of the Joskey Clu

DORANDO BEATS RELAY TEAM. Italian Bunner Disposes of Da Myers in Twelve Mile Re

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 25.—Derando Pietri, the Italian runner, had no difficulty in defeating Sammy Myers of Cambridge and Floyd Doughty of Providence in a twelve mile relay team race on the athletic grounds this afternoon. The foreign fiver simply played with the two American runpers, winning by half a lap in 1 hour 3 minutes 39 seconds. The time of the relay team was 1 hour 4 minutes 18 seconds.

Doughty ran the first relay of six miles the track being seven laps to the mile The Providence man did some good work in the first mile, leading the Italian by a few the first mile, leading the Italian by a few

the first mile, leading the Italian by a few yards when it was completed. Then Derande get busy and went into the lead; steadily increasing the distance between himself and his competitor until he lapped Doughty in the fifth mile. Doughty fried a sprint in the sixth mile and had reduced the lead to three-quarters of a lap when he handed the job over to Myers.

The Cambridge runner put on steam as soon as Doughty touched his hand and hot footed it after Dorando, who kept looking over his shoulder as Myers crept up en him. When the minth mile was finished Dorando was leading by a fourth of a lap, but he let himself out a triffe in the next two, and at the end of the ejeventh mile was half a lap to the good. He jogged the remaining mile without allowing Myers to get any nearer.

TROTTERS IN KENTUCKY. Youngsters at Walnut Hall Farm-Noted

Mares at Hamburg Place. DEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 25.-L. V. Harkpess arrived here this week for a visit to his Walnut Hall stock farm and to consult with his manager, Harry Burgoyne, about the mating of his highly bred mares next season. Mr. Harkness expects to get phetrotters by the mating of mares by his stallion Moko, known in this section as the sire of Futurity winners, to the young sire Walnut Hall, himself a Futurity winner The champion three-year-old of last season, The Harvester, was a result of such a mating, his dam, Notelet, being by Moko and his sire Walnut Hall. Two of the finest looking youngsters now at Walnut Hall farm are a full sister to The Harvester and s rearling colt, by Walnut Hall, out of the double Futurity winner Ference Both Ference and Notelet are again in fost to Walnut Hall, Mr. Harkness recently pur-chased the young broadmare Susie N., three-year-old record 2.09%, by Moke, dam Gipsy Dark, by Wiltwood, and she will be retired to the stud and bred to Walnut Hall usie N. was one of the best three-year-olds out in 1905, winning the Horse Review and Kentucky Stock Farm stakes and was second

to Miss Adbell in the Kentucky Futurity. Gipsy Dark, her dam, some ten years ago was sold on the streets of this city for a feed bill. She was purchased by Howard Early, a boy of about 12 years, for taken to the farm of his father. Roger Early near this city. The young purchaser knew nothing of the breeding of the mare, but horseman of this county, learning the reeding of this mare, purchased her from young Early for \$155. Since then he has in doubt and the veteran will have to hustic to keep in line. PHara of the flattimores a tast youngster, probably will make a strong bid for Seymour's place, while Herrog will have a chance too to show what he can do there. De Vore, who did well the can do there. De Vore, who did well the can do there candidate for the outlield who gives much promise.

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The makeup of the New York Americans on the other hand, is problematical. Manager Stallings will take thirty players to Wacon and will go slow before he decides on the regular team. It is practically certain, however, that Jack Kleinow and Blair will do most of the catching, as Stallings thinks highly of both. In the box it looks as if the fans would see Chestro, Lake, Wanning, Warhon and Wilson as regulars, lovie and Hogg will be with the team, but they are not in high favor and may be raded. Stallings has other gitchers who have done well in the minor leagues, but at present they cannot be rated. McConnell of Buffalo is highly regarded.

(nase will play first base to a certainty, and that means a whole lot. The second in candidates, while Conrow will have rivals for third base in Austin of Ombase Gardner and Laporte will be the lead on the first was the Americans will be cheeped will be allowed to serve only forty mares, the breeding of each to be a coming star. Neight of last year's Newark team, who have done well in the minor leagues, but at present they cannot be rated. McConnell of the fall of the probably on no stock farm in the country of speed when they strike their gait.

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Among the noted stallions that will make the season of 1909 in central Kentucky are Searchlight, 2:03%, at Kenmore farm; Directum Spier, 2:111%, at Orchard Park; Locenda, 2:02, at Maplehurst farm, Paris, Ky.; Baron Dillon, 2:12, and Austral, at Allendale farm; Baron Wilkes, Jr., 2:18, at Georgetown, Ky.; Peter the Great, 2:07%; Crystallion, 2:15%; J. J. Audubon, 2:19, and Patchen Wilkes, at the Mansfield farm; Jay McCiregor, 2:07%, at the Hickorywood farm; Judge Parker, 2:10%; Vice-Commodore, at the Kentucky Trotting Horse Breeders Association; Charley Herr, 2:07, and many others. Gus Macey, the driver and trainer, who is now handling the horses of George H. Estabrook, the Denver turfman, arrived here this week to spend Christmas with his family. Macey stopped over in Buffalond purchased two promising youngsters to add to his stable, a two-year-old pacing filly by Lord Direction, out of a mare by Chimes, and a three-year-old stallion by Jay McGregor, out of a mare by a son of Baron Wilkes. The prices paid were \$2,500 and \$4,000 respectively.

new managers who will be at the helm here and there. The Boston (Nationals will have one in Frank Bowerman, the catcher, who succeeds Joe Kelley. The Boston Americans will have in Fred Lake a manager who won't be exactly new next season, but who took hold late last season and therefore is more or less of a novitiate. In New York the New York Americans will have a new superintendent in George Stallings, successor to Clark Griffith and Norman Elberfeld.

The Brooklyns are still manageries, but there will be a change from last year in any event, for Patsy Donovan is no longer the boss of the Ebbets outfit. Comiskey's Chicago Americans are also without a manager if Fleider Jones is in earnest when he says he won't be in the game next year. Griffith is the new range boss for the Cincinnati herd, this being his first managerial berth in the National League. He has been a mapager in the American League pretty nearly ever since that organization started, but his National League ciperience was confined to playing.

Roger Bresnahan, for several seasons McGraw's star catcher, is to manage the St. Louis Nationals, his maiden essay in that capacity. Stallings and Griffith are veteran managers, though in new fields, while it will be the first time for Egwerman and Bresnahan.

AMONG THE AUTOMOBILISTS

SUCCESS OF NEWARK LOCAL SHOW IS ASSURED.

Thirty Spaces Aiready Contracted For In Second Annual Exhibition of New Jersey Automobile Trade Assectation - Banquet Committee Named.

The members of the New Jersey Automobile Trade Association are confident that the second annual local show in Newthirty automobile spaces have already been Troop Armory in Roseville avenue from February 20 to 27 and a large number of exhibitors already is assured. The Newark automobile dealers alone have declared they would take forty of the automobile cars are not represented in New Jersey have asked for information and application blanks for spaces.

George Paddock, president of the New lersey Automobile Trade Association, says the association is assured of a larger exhibit than was held last winter. A number of the Newark dealers who could not obtain space in the Electric Park Casino last winter have applied for space in the Essex Troop Armory, and Mr. Paddock says the show will have the active support of every auto-mobile and accessory dealer in the city. He says the show plans will be arranged o much more elaborate scale than was possible for last winter's affair.

Inglis M. Uppercu, head of the Motor Car Company of New Jersey and of the Cadillac agency in New York city, is another member of the New Jersey dealers asso iation who is confident of success. He thinks the show will equal the local shows held in either Philadelphia or Pittsburg. The dealers expect a much larger attend-ance than last winter, as there will be many more cars shown and there will be more room for visitors.

H. A. Bonnell, former secretary of the New Jersey Automobile and Motor Club, is to be general manager of the show and will have his headquarters at the New Jersey's clubhouse in Newark until a few days before the show opens. The floor plans are being prepared and application blanks for space will be ready in a few days.

Judge E. H. Gary, president of the Auto-mobile Club of America, has appointed Alfred Ely, Charles S. Phillips and E. Rand Hollander as members of the special com-mittee to arrange the details for the annual banquet of the organization. The date is to be announced later. Mr. Ely is chairman of the committee.

Benjamin Briscoe, president of the Maxwell-Briscoe Motor Company, has issued invitations for the annual dimer and reunion of the Maxwell forces at the Hotel Manhattan on January 5.

The recent election of officers of the Grand Rapids Automobile Club resulted in the election of the following: J. R. Jackson, president; L. C. Parmenter, viospresident; G. I., Henzelmara, second vice-president: Dr. F. C. Warmshius, secretary: president: Dr. F. C. Warmshius, secretary: Dr. William Burleson, treasurer, and Dr. D. E. Walsh and A. A. Barber on the board of directors. J. R. Jackson, the new president, is prominent in the good roads movement, vice-president of the Michigan Slate Automobile Association and a member of the A. A. A. touring board. The club is in a prosperous condition, with a large membership and has a plan on foot for a new clubhouse to replace the loss of the Cascade clubhouse.

The Detroit city legal department has an interesting question on its hands relative to the licensing of motor cabs which at present pay no fee to the city for running in spite of the fact that the cabs have dein spite of the fact that the cabs have developed a very lively competition for the horse drawn vehicles which formerly monopolized the field. The company which is running the taxis alleges it would be glad to pay the license but for the fact that it would be unable to do business at the rate which the horse drawn vehicles have to maintain. The latter are governed by regulations based on a charge per hour while the taxies naturally charge by the mile. The owner of the motor cabs wants an amendment to the law making a separate class for his vehicle. Unless something of this sort is done he will obviously have to pay the license or go out of business, according to a ruling of the corporation counsel's office.

Good Native Fighters, you seem very curiously to have entirely overlooked the man who is to-day the best American fighter living. I refer to Jack Blackburn, the colored Mghtweight of this city, who is a native fighter, having been born at Ver sailes, Ky. Blackburn is a genuine lightweight in the ring could be secured to meet him he has through careless living allowed himself to get just a little above the lightweight limit. But with a little training Blackburn can easily reach the required weight, as was shown recently when he met and beat George Memsic at 133 pounds, the weighing being done at 6 P. M. the evening

of the fight. "Blackburn is the recognized best man in the lightweight, welterweight and mid-

berathis west to spend Christma with a family. Ascert with proposed control of the proposed control of

How Demarest's Recent Average Con pared With Other Performances. Calvin Demarest, late amateur champion

of the world and now a pro with his spurs yet to be won in the masters' class, averaged 10 112-152 for 3,000 points at 18,2 balk line n his recent exhibition contest with Fred Conklin, the Chicago amateur. That is a good grand average for that number of points as will be seen by comparing with grand averages made by the top notchers in big tournaments. There is a difference between exhibition play and cionship or both at stake, and obviously averages made under the latter conditions are more meritorious and more of a test than in exhibitions, but Demarest's average even under the circumstances, promi well for his showing as a professional when

he gets down to real business. Fournil, the French player, grand aver-aged 27.78 for 1,500 points in a four corered 18.2 toureament in Paris in 1902, while Vignaux's Agures were 20.46; Gibelin's, 18.33, and Cure's, 16.65. George Sutton grand averaged 20.81 in a four cornered championship tournament in Paris in 1903, and in 1904 in a "young masters" tournament in Paris Hoppe's grand average-for 2,000 points was 12.80.

The best grand average made in the 1906 18.2 24.14 by Sutton, he making 2,874 points. Three thousand points was the most points one player could make. Slosson, who won that tournament, made a grand average of 18.26 for 2.771 points. The other grand averages were as follows: Schaefer, 22.88; Hoppe, 20.44; Cure, 15.23; Cutler, 14.46; Morningstar,

Demarest, therefore, bids fair to make it interesting for the older professionals if the average he made in an exhibition can be maintained in tournament competition. He can go a distance, and if his nerve against the pros is as good as it was in amateur tournaments he won't be wanting in that commedity. mmodity.
A St. Louis man has originated a new game root. When the fifteen balls are framed

of pool. When the fifteen balls are framed in the triangle the seven striped balls—from the 9 to the 15 ball inclusive—are placed on the outsides on the frame. The eight solid the 9 to the 15 ball inclusive. The eight solid the outsides on the frame. The eight solid balls—from the 1 to the 8 ball inclusive— are placed in the centre with the 1 ball in the middle. One player is to pocket all the solids in the middle. One player is to pocket all the stripes and the other all the solids except the 1 ball. When A pockets his seven stripes, or B his seven solids, then A or B, as the case may be, goes after the 1 ball. The player who puts in the 1 ball wirs. If the 1 ball is put in before the player's other seven balls have been downed, however, the player so pocketing it forfeits the game.

INDOOR TENNIS.

6-4. Second Round—L. H. Fitch defeated Harold Moore, 7-5, 6-2; William B. Cragin, Jr., defeated King Smith, 6-4, 6-2. Championship Doubles—First round—William B. Cragin and King Smith defeated L. H. Fitch and Darmer, 6-0, 5-0. while the taxies naturally charge by the mile. The owner of the motor cabs wants an amendment to the law making a separate class for his vehicle. Unless something of this sort is done he will obviously have to pay the license or go out of business according to a ruling of the corporation counsel's office.

BOOST OF JACK BLACKBURY.

Philadelphia Man Thinks the Negro Can Beat Boxers in Three Classes.

Jack Blackburn, the noted colored lightweight of Philadelphia, has at least one man to champion his cause in R. H. Kuin of that city, who writes to The Sun as follows:

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Louisiana Governor Forestalls Mass Meet

ing in New Orleans. New Orleans, Dec. 25.—Gov. Sanders to-day forestalled the mass meeting of business men called for next Monday night to petition for a restoration of racing at New Orleans by announcing that he would New Orleans by announcing that he would not call an extra session of the Louisiana Legislature. The Governor said that there is no necessity for an extra session, the public welfare not requiring it.

The Legislature will meet in regular session in May, 1910, and the racing interests will have to wait till that time to make the fight for a repeal of the Locke law.

Association Feetball.

Mud that was several inches deep did not restrain the soccer football players of the Crescent Athletic Club of Brooklyn from keeping their Christmas engagement with the team of Christ Church at Bay Ridge, and the result of the match was a victory for the Crescent eleven by 4 goals to 1. Up to the last three minutes of play the churchmen were in hopes of tying the score, as the Crescents led them by 2 to 1, but in that brief period two more goals were added, owing to a panic in the visiting defence. In the first half the opposing teams were

American Entries in English Stakes. The latest English racing calendar shows many American nominations to English stakes. For the Champion Stakes, 1,000 sovereigns, at one mile and a quarter, to be run October 12, 1909, August Belmont and James R. Keene have seven of the forty-two nominations. Mr. Belmont names Fair Play, Priscillian and Norman III. and Fair Play, Priscillian and Norman III. and Mr. Reene the Suburban winner Ballot, the unbeaten Colin. Helmet, Esperanto and Wedding Bells. At the Craven meeting in 1910 in the fifty-first Blennial Stakes of 1,000 sovereigns Mr. Belmont has named Doncourt and Mr. Keene the brown colt by Disguise—Biturica and the chestnut colt by Voter—Noonday. In the Midsummer, Stakes of 500 sovereigns Mr. Belmont has Doncourt and Mr. Keene the black colt by Disguise—Swifttoot and the black colt by Disguise—Emma C. while Harry Payne Whitney has nominated the chestnut colt by Broomstick—Sallie Navarre and the bay colt by Hamburg—Blue Girl and New Castle.

Swayne Cross-Country Run. The Swayne Athletic Club of Yonkers in the suburbs of Yonkers yesterday.

Appleyard of the Mercury Athletic Club ran the distance through snow, ice and mud in the fast time of 1 hour and 10 minutes. E. Strypio, also of the Mercury Athletic Club. came in twenty-five yards behind Appleyard, with H. Sandhouse twenty-five yards behind Strypio, Twelve runners started but only six finished. The three others who finished were George Tucker; H. McNichols and J. May.

Manila Soldiers Make Good Baseball Fight.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
MANILA, Dec. 25.—The baseball team from the United States, which has been playing in Japan, arrived here this morning and was enthusiastically welcomed. In the afternoon the visitors played a game with Lieut, Johnson's Army team, defeating the abdiers by a score of 2 to 1 in eleven innings. PLAY THROUGH' PLAN AGAIN

BRITISH TENNIS ASSOCIATION RECOMMENDS IT.

Good Opportunity Because of Brooke's Default Causes Passing of Rule to Have Champions Enter Tournaments on Even Footing With Other Players.

States Lawn Tennis Association at its coming meeting will consider following the example of the All-England L. T. A. in recommending that the holders of cham-pionships play through the tournaments instead of standing out for the challenge round. This recommendation was made ecently by the English with the idea of aving all tournaments on even terms and also of shortening them. Taking away the challenge round naturally makes a tourna-ment one day shorter, and that in England, where there are many more tournaments than in this country, is especially an object. The greater principle involved is that it gives all players a better chance in the competition. Where a man must go up against a fresh and waiting opponent after he him-self has had a hard week of play it puts him at a disadvantage to begin with. There is no provision here for much of an interval championship tournament in New York was of rest between the final and challenge rounds, although it was proposed one

> that a day should intervene. It is altogether unlikely that the English championship will be played on the old of this rule. As the lawn tennis associa tions of both countries watch each other's moves very closely and attempt to model playing laws on the same lines the U. S. N. L. T. A: may decide to fellow the suit

U.S. N. I. T. A; may decide to fellow the suit of the English body. It was a peculiarly opportune moment in England, because flore won the championship without playing a challenge round, as Brookes was not in England to defend. As Larned won the American title by playing a challenge round at Newport this year it is unlikely that the association will consider it fair to order him now to play through.

The best chance to inaugurate that plan in this country was following the championship of 1907, when Larned won by the default of Clothier in the challenge round. Nothing but accident is likely to make Larned forego the pleasure of playing challenge rounds for some years to come, and judged from his present gait he is likely to go on winning them as long as he pleases. There is only the chance that Wright will play one of these days at Newport in the style that he does in international matches. The conqueror of Brookes should be able to put his name on the championship bowl of this country once more.

Lovibend and Hall Outplay Veterans

Cragin and Smith.

Arthur M. Lovibond and Walter Merrill
Hall yesterday won in the final round of
the regimental championship doubles in
the indoor lawn tennis tournament in the
Seventh Régiment Armory. It was their
splendid rallying against the veterans.
William B. Cragin, Jr., and King Smith,
and the material aid which Hall's swift
chop drives afforded at critical points
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There was both a morning and an afternoon session, and part of the championship singles and doubles and the class A and B handicap singles were disposed of. In the class A singles William B. Cragin, Jr., the present holder of the championship and playing minus 40, gained his place in the semi-final round. In the lower half his brother, Arthur S., minus half 40, also came through over the old title holder, Robert T. Bryan.

There was both a morning and an afternoon session, and part of the championship at Newport, I believe. Marcicans call "seeding" the draw. At the University of the championship at Newport, I believe, that sall seeding the championship at Newport, I believe, the complete over various sections of the draw. At the University of the opinion that this might also be advantageously carried out by the all England consulted at Wimbledon and at all meetings of only to prevent two foreign visitors from meeting each other first pop." as happened to the players are a secessity to draw the public. After all first part of the complete over varied out by the all England consultation and I am of the opinion that this might also be advantageously carried out by the all England consultation and I am of the opinion that this might also be advantageously carried out by the all England consultation and I am of the opinion that this might also be advantageously carried out by the all England consultation and I am of the opinion that this might also be advantageously carried out by the all England consultations of the definition of the opinion that this might also be advantageously carried out by the all England class the eight best players have always been evenly distributed over various sections of the definition of the opinion that this might also be advantageously carried out by the all England class the players have always been evenly distributed over various sections of the definition of the opinion that this might also be advantageously carried out rooked," i. e., made as interesting as possible for the players as well as for the public. Competitors whose form does not classify them among the cracks have their chances in the numerous handicaps of other open tournaments all the suramer.

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especially at international prize meetings, where
players sometimes have to travel far. Imagine
Wilding and Parke going all the way to Melbourne and meeting each other in the first or
second round of the local championships or
Hillyard, Ball-Greene and Wilding bunched to
gether in one-half of the draw at liad Homburg?
The English laws tennis publication gives

It is obvious that Brookes was not quite himself, for he experienced the utmost difficulty inbeating Alexander, who fell an easy prey to
Wilding, whilst he failed to stay in the match
he lost to Beals Wright. The play in Melbourne
had all the element of excitement, and when
hrookes was vanquished the issue rested upon
the fifth and last match. The responsibility of
defending the cup then devolved entirely upon
Wilding, who must have shown exceptional
nerve to have held his own so easily with Alexander.

ander.

It is a reflection upon British lawn tennis
that the Davis cup is still in Australia, and the
pity of it is that there appears to be no immediate
prospect of recovering it. Seemingly the only
way would be for the Dohertys and P. L. Riseley
to make up their minds to go out next year. We
mention Riseley because we hope to record his
reappearance in match play in the summer of
1909. If a fourth player should be required
Kenneth Powell should by that time have all
the necessary qualifications.

FEATURES OF RELGIAN TURF Lucien Lyne Fourth in the Jockeys' List With 67 Winners.

Lucien Lyne, the Kentucky lad who rode in Belgium last season, stood fourth in the list of winning jockeys with 67 winners. Kerchove, a native rider, led with 119 firsts, followed by Heany, an English boy, with man heads the winning trainers' list with n 284 races. In order to assist the breeders in Belgium

the Jockey Club of that country takes a number of subscriptions every year to high class stallions in France and piaces them without fee at the disposal of owners of thoroughbred mares. This year the services of Wildfowier, Elf, Rabelais and Son o' Mine have been retained, and these are available for mares not more than 9 years old that have won at least \$10,000 in flat races during their turt career or have produced the winner of a weight for age race worth at least \$2,000. In the case of too many applications being received for mares fulfilling these conditions lots will be drawn in order to make a selection. The Belgian Jockey Club has also taken other subscriptions to Le Samaritain, Son o' Mine and Elf, which will be put up at auction, but mares which are over 9 years of age or have been barren in 1906 and 1907 will not be eligible for service. The drawing and the auction will take place at the Jockey Club rooms on December 21 in the presence of the interested parties. the Jockey Club of that country takes

Welsh Runner a Winner.

PRILADELPHIA. Dec. 25 .- Percy Small ood, the runner from Wales, to-day won a ten mile race at Central Park from Bobbie Hallen, the fifteen mile professional cham-Hallen, the fifteen mile professional champion of New York State, and Mike Spring of Brooklyn, who won the Boston Marathon race in 1805. Hallen ran the first five miles and was beaten by two and a quarter laps on a twenty-six lap track. Spring then relieved Hallen, but he was unable to make up the lost ground and Smallwood won the vace by three laps. His time was a minutes 28 seconds.

Los Angeles, Dec. 25.-At Santa Anita

Park to-day more than ten enthusiastics saw Stanely Fay, the 8 to 5 favorite, vin the Santa Anita Handloap, at a mile and a quarter, the Christmas feature event, defeating Czar by a head in a terrific driving finish. Fay rushing past Czar in the last few yards. Gowan was third. The time was 2:05 2-5.

Ofwago, N. Y., Dec. 25.—The Cornell basketball team defeated the Oswego Normal School five in the State Armory here fo-night by the score of 56 to 17. Although outclassed Oswego played an agreemine game against the more experienced and heavier varsity men.

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CHRISTMAS AT THE TRAPS

HODGMAN A STAR IN TRAVERS NO IVE ISLAND SHOOTS.

Breaks 97 Out of a Possible 100 Clay Birds-Small Field but Spirited Competition by Crescent Athletie Ciub Members - Scores of the Contestants.

The New York Athletic Club clay hire experts digested their Christmas turkey by going through five events at the Tra Island traps. Fred Hodgman was high gun in four of the races, and it was noteworthy that he made twenty-five straight In all Hodgman broke 97 out of 100 T. R. Robinson won the remaining even with an allowance of four targets, making the perfect score of 25. The scores:

Practice Shoot, 25 Targets; Scratch-F. A. Hodgman, 24; F. H. Schauffer, 23; F. R. Rohinson, 21; F. N. Bavier, 21; Dr. De Wolfie, 20; T. J. son, 21; F. N. Bavier, 21; Dr. De wolke, 20; T. S. McCahill, 19; J. W. Hibbard, 18; T. Harding, 14.

Trophy Shoot, 25 Targets; Handleap—F. Robinson, 4, 25; F. H. Schauffler, scratch, 24; F. N. Bavier, 3, 24; F. A. Hodgman, scratch, 23; Hibbard, 3, 18; F. Harding, scratch, Trophy Shoot, 25 Targets; Handicap—F. Hodgman, scratch, 25; Dr. De Wolffe, 3, 25; F. Robinson, 4, 25; F. J. McCahill, 4, 22 Trophy Shoot, 25 Targets; Handicap-F. Hodgman, scratch, 24; Dr. De Wolffe, 3, 23; T. McCahill, 4, 22; F. R. Robinson, 3, 20.
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Hodgman, scratch, 25, T. J. McCanill, 3, 25, P. R. Robinson, 3, 21; Dr. De Wolfe, 8, 20.

Rosat turkey and plum pudding were too big an attraction for the gunners of the Crescent Athletic Club yesterday and as a result there were only ten marksmen at the traps. The feature of the afternoon was a special holiday cup which was won by E. C. Brower. The event was a Afry targets and the winner shot with a handicap of eight. In the aggregate he broke forty-eight out of a possible fifty blue rocks.

Mr Brower was also the winner of the team shoot. L. C. Hopkins was his partner and the two broke a full score of twenty targets. The latter gunner did excellent work throughout the afternoon. Besides the team prize he also was the winner of two of the trophy shoots.

The shooting was spirited and more than one event required a shootoff to find the winner. J. H. Ernst. J. P. Fairchilds and D. C. Hopkins tied in a twenty-five target event and in the shootoff the prize was won by Ernst with a full score of 25. G. Brower and D. T. Leahy tied in a fifteen target event and the winner finally was Brower.

Another interesting shoot ended in a tie among F. B. Stephenson, A. E. Hendrickson, L. C. Hopkins and G. Brower. These

Another interesting shows a fact a transfer and a t

Trophy Shoot—15 targets—1. Stearns, I. 14: A. E. Hendrickson, I. 9.
Trophy Shoot—25 targets—L. C. Hopkins, 75, 25: A. E. Hendrickson, 2. 22; F. B. Stephenson, scratch, 20: S. Stearns, 4, 19.
Trophy Shoot—26 targets—J. H. Ernst, 5, 22; J. P. Fairchilds, 4, 22; L. C. Hopkins, 4, 22; F. B. Stephenson, scratch, 21: G. W. Brower, 4, 21; S. Stearns, 4, 19; A. E. Hendrickson, 2, 18; E. C. Brower, 5, 22; Shootoff—25 targets—J. H. Ernst, 5, 25, J. P. Fairchilds, 4, 21; L. C. Hopkins, 4, 20; Trophy Shoot—15 targets—D. J. Leahy, 2, 13; G. Brower, 2, 13; F. B. Stephenson, scratch, 12; A. P. Hendrickson, 1, 12; J. R. Fairchilds, 2, 12; E. C. Hrower, 2, 12; J. H. Ernst, 3, 11; L. C. Hopkins, 2, 20.
Trophy Shoot—15 targets—G. Brower, 2, 15; D. J. Leahy, 2, 18.
Trophy Shoot—15 targets—F. B. Stephenson, scratch, 13; A. E. Hendrickson, 1, 13; L. C. Hopkins, 2, 13; J. H. Ernst, 3, 11; G. Brower, 2, 13; J. P. Fairchilds, 2, 10; D. J. Leahy, 2, 9.
Shootoff—Same conditions—F. B. Stephenson, scratch, 14: A. E. Hendrickson, 1, 11; L. C. Hopkins, 2, 11; G. Brower, 2, 16.

RIFLE SHOOTING AT COLLEGES. War Department Wants to Know Just What Is Being Done.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—What are the schools, colleges and universities of the United States doing in the way of military training for the American youth? is a ques tion in which the War Department is greatly interested. Approximately 100 institutions of learning have attached to them army officers on either the active or retired list 108 victories in 568 starts. James Breze, In 1908 the Department has gone to much however, had a better average with 90 wins trouble to ascertain what was being accomtrouble to ascertain what was being accom-plished by these officers and how far they were being assisted by the faculties of the institutions where they were serving. Reports were received from each of the officers detailed and each institution was inspected by omcers assigned to this duty. In addi-tion statistics were compiled in respect to the Government aid enjoyed by certain col-leges, so that the whole gives the General Staff a fair idea of just what the Govern-ment is getting in the way of military train-ing in return for what it is doing for these institutions of learning.

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The details of the inspections will not be made public, but the General Staff probably will have something to say on the subject when the reports are thoroughly digested. When the reports are thoroughly digested, when the reports are thoroughly digested, when the reports are thoroughly digested, when the reports are thoroughly digested. The contract of the colleges and universities receiving Government aid pay attention to the last tee the match was all even their military department, but very few are playing. As the players were going to the last tee the match was all even their military department, but very few are playing. As the players were going to the last tee the match was all even their military department, but very few are playing. As the players were going the last the antiquated equipment of the last tee the match was all even their military department of ritles with which the students are supplied. As an example of the conditions prevailing the ease of a Southern college may be cited. This institution received an annual appropriation of \$51,146. It has no gallery range, but has an outdoor range available at 200 and 300 yards, but has only one target for its \$70 students.

In contrast with these is a report from an other Southern institution, which abbreviated is as follows, the name of the college being withheld. It receives Government and the players were goin the support to the extent of \$58,800, and \$200 is an all the players with the companies. Of the presence of the Cornell chees team the support to the extent of \$58,800, and \$200 is an all the players and the players are and the players and the cornel the following will play the players and the players are played with a sixty yard range within four minutes walk of the college buildings, with two sliding targets, and next year and agained to the military department of the presence of the Cornell the following will play Louis Toling Frank K. Perkins, Gswald D. Reich, and the players are conducted to the military to

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are indications of improvement ery little encouragement given by me the faculty. As a rule they absolute k interest and look upon military efficient lost." This institution is equip ordered. It has no gallery range.

It is believed that as a result of the the ough inspections several institutions whave difficulty in getting the assignment officers for their military departments.

WAGERS AT GOLF.

Betting on Professionals on Scott Links-Risks Big and Small. From the Westminster Wazette,

One hears a good dear about the spread-golf, but I rather think that with the spreadhas really been something of a decline in the sporting propensities of golfers, at any rate as to the making of high wagers It is seldom that a big match is fixed up be tween two professionals on the old style of one green backing their professional against the professional of another.

In the days when golf was confined to

a comparatively limited area in Scotland matches were frequent between the professionals of St. Andrews and those of Elis, of Musselburgh and of North Berwick. and even later when Hoylake and Westward Ho! became strongholds of the game in England, the old players of the Royal Liver-pool and Royal North Devon were not backward in supporting their opinion and theil local judgment against the representative of other links. I have pretty vivid recollections, as a little boy at Hoylake, of the tremendous excitement which the match between Mr. John Ball and Douglas Rolland

who was then an amateur, created.

I came across a striking exhibition of the old spirit while playing on the Leven this recently. My attention was caught by a rabble of small boys, toddlers of about up to brown faced lads of 12. My caddie informed me that there was a professional match on between two of the caddies—for three pence. fessional match on presence a side. The two caddies—for threepence a side. The two contestants were playing with grimly set faces, and they had each a caddle carryl a bag-I doubt not of borrowed or co

mandeered clubs. A story on similar lines I might men in connection with a caddie at Gullane. He was acting in a match in which two friends were playing. As the players were going to the last tee the match was all even to the last tee the match was all even Handing his employer his driver, the caddibesought him to do his very best at thi hole, as he had a bet on the match.

The player did his best, but he lost the hole; and feeling rather uneasy about hi failure causing any financial trouble to be too loyal backer, he turned to his caddiand said. "Now, look here, what about the bet? Let me square it un for you." Imagin his surprise when told that the amount of the bet was a halfpenny.

Columbia has decided to take advantage College Chess League the first four days of next week by accepting the challenge of the Ithacans to a team match on six boards to be played in this city on New Year's Day. For this contest the Blue and White managers have selected the following players: Louis J. Wolff. H. Blumberg. C. Homer Ramsdell (captain), S. H. Childs, E. R. Elsasser and H. K. Kudlich. For Cornell the following will play: Louis Tollins, Frank K. Perkins, Oswald D. Reich, J. Walzer, W. Silver and C. E. Simonson.

Dorante Won the Christmas Handless SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25 .- The grand stand at the Emeryville track to-day pre-sented a brilliant scene. It is doubtful if larger crowd ever attended a Christmas race